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FM AMEMBASSY BAMAKO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4258

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TAGS: AFSP, ML

SUBJ: BENNET BROTHERS SHIPMENT TO ALGERIAN EMBASSY

1. IN FEBRUARY 1975 ALGERIAN EMBASSY IN BAMAKO ORDERED ABOUT \$3,600 WORTH OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FROM BENNETT BROTHERS (BB), 211 ISLAND ROAD, MAHWAH, NEW JERSEY 07430, TEL. (201)529-1900 (ATTN: ANTHONY COLELLA, EXPORT DEPT.).

2. ALGERIANS PAID \$627.90 AND \$2,982.79 IN JANUARY 1976 BUT ONLY RECEIVED SOME CHANDELIERS (THREE?). BENNETT BROTHERS, HOWEVER, HAS SENT THE USUAL PROGRESSIVELY TESTY DUNNING LETTERS DEMANDING PAYMENT FOR \$131.87, WHICH BENNETT BROTHERS CALLS THE UNPAID BALANCE.

3. ALGERIANS HERE WERE SLOW IN EXPLAINING THIS SITUATION TO BB SINCE THEIR CORRESPONDENCE WAS IN ENGLISH. WE HELPED ALGERIANS DRAFT A LETTER IN ENGLISH TO BB WHICH WAS SENT MAY 27. NO REPLY YET.

4. A COMPLICATING AND CONFUSING FACTOR IS THAT AFTER ALGERIANS RECEIVED CHANDELIERS, BB WROTE SAYING THEY HAD BEEN LOST (SIC) IN SHIPMENT, HAD BEEN REORDERED, BUT THAT \$350 WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE TO COVER EXPORT PACKING, ETC., SINCE BILL WAS OVERDUE. THIS TENDED TO CONFIRM ALGERIANS' VIEW THAT THEIR ORDER HAD BEEN LOST.

5. ON JULY 13 AMBASSADOR RECEIVED LETTER FROM
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COLELLA OF BB ASKING ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING

ALGERIANS.

6. ACTION: PLEASE TELEPHONE COLELLA (201)529-1900
AND TELL HIM THAT THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY WIYES TO BE
REIMBURSED FOR THE ITEMS NOT DELIVERED. ALGERIANS
NO LONGER WANT TO RECEIVE THE MERCHANDISE PREVIOUSLY
ORDERED. TELL COLELLA TO MALI BB'S CHECK PAYABLE
TO AMBASSADE D'ALGERIE, TO US EMBASSY, BAMAKO,
DEPT OF STATE, WASHDC 20520, AND WE WILL PASS IT
ON TO THE ALGERIANS.

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